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GW will emphasize a technology overhaul

ITAC advises school on computing update

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET REPORTER

The Informational Technology Advisory Council will propose recommendations by the end of the spring semester to University officials on methods to improve technology on campus.

This comes as GW is considering a \$200 technology fee as part of a 6.9 percent increase in tuition and fees for undergraduate students. The fee would help fund up to a \$30 million investment over five years to update the University's computing and technology.

While the committee does not directly implement the changes, it plays a vital role in the process of maintaining and upgrading the University's computing and telecommunications networks.

"This is not an operational committee, but an advisory committee," ITAC member David Grier said.

"The mission of ITAC is to decide which is the most important thing to do," Student Association Director of Computer Affairs and ITAC member Jeff Baxter said. "(The Council) brings together faculty, staff and students to make tough choices."

The council advises the University how to allocate

resources to improve technological access to students and faculty. While such councils have appeared on campus before, ITAC has brought the advising to a different level.

ITAC Chair Dianne Martin said the council has undergone structural reorganization. In addition, the placement of Vice President of Informational Systems Doug Gale has helped to consolidate the efforts of several sub-committees.

"We are looking at it as a team ... for a plan that has teeth in it," Martin said.

The plans, however, are in the preliminary stages.

"Everything is on the table," Technology Committee Chair Helmut Haberzettl said. "No decision has been made yet."

But certain advising ideas have surfaced.

Baxter said that additional computer labs, more phone lines to access GWIS, cable installations and a proposal called "porter-pillow," which translates into one Internet connection per student, may be ways to help students gain more access to the technological facilities.

Furthermore, Martin added, "GW is taking a leadership role internally and externally (by its

(See GW, p. 11)

No wait list for GW lottery

New all-hall system gets mixed reviews from students

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET REPORTER

For the first time in three years, no GW student wishing to live on campus next year will be placed on a waiting list following this weekend's all-hall housing lottery.

"There is definitely no waiting list," said Assistant Director of the Office of Residential Life Paul Barkett. Despite the return of more students on campus than last year, the addition of 260 more spaces in three new residence halls meant there was no need for a waiting list.

J Street's Columbian Square was a mass of people Saturday and Sunday as 2,200 students tried to get their choice room in the all-hall lottery.

Rising seniors were randomly assigned numbers 1 through 440, rising juniors were assigned numbers 1,000 through 1,533 and rising sophomores were randomly assigned numbers 2,000 through 3,018.

This experience was new for many who had previously selected their room through the in-hall system, which has been discontinued after an agreement between the Residence Hall Association and the University.

"I think RHA made a good recommendation. It was harder on the staff because it was over two days, but it was easier for the students," Barkett said.

Some students were satisfied with the housing lottery process,

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Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

More than 2,200 undergraduates made their bids Saturday and Sunday for on-campus housing next year in the all-hall lottery.

Future is still unclear for losers

Some excited, others frustrated, by unsuccessful campaigns

BY AMY S. MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Now that the palmcarding has stopped and the posters have been taken down, post-election GW has slipped into a time of quiet reflection, both of the future and the past.

For the candidates voted into office, thoughts turn to next academic year, when they will begin to implement their campaign platforms.

But for those candidates whose bids proved unsuccessful, thoughts turn to the past. And with hindsight as their ally, the one question they try to answer is what could have been done differently.

"I don't know," said Student Association executive vice president candidate Jahna Hartwig, whose response echoed that of other unsuccessful candidates. Although she said she can identify the reason for the loss, like all the other candidates, fixing the problem was beyond her control.

"My big problem was that my constituent bases didn't vote," Hartwig said. "There wasn't too much I

could do in that respect."

Thanh Yves Nguyen lost the position of Program Board executive chair to Soraya Tabibi by 99 votes. The two juniors had similar qualifications: currently PB executive vice chair, Nguyen was international affairs chair last year; Tabibi is the parties chair. Both were general members their freshman year.

"We're both pretty much experienced," Nguyen said. "The vote pretty much says we're equal."

The deciding factor in the race, then, can only be attributed to "the minute differences ... something in Soraya's character" and campaign that drew students to her, Nguyen said.

Patrick Preston, who lost the race for undergraduate senator at large by five percent, publicly declared that he would not pass out palm cards or campaign in the residence halls.

Looking back, Preston said the decision may have affected his numbers. Although he has been active on campus the past two years - he is a member of the Residence Hall Association and was a GW Hatchet staff writer - he said his name is not as recognizable

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Election 1997

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Diverse coalition spells victory for 'Q' campaign

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar did something unexpected last week.

By winning 46.9 percent of the vote, he greatly exceeded the 40 percent necessary for victory without a run-off. Golparvar garnered the highest percentage in a Student Association presidential election since 1991, when Kyle Farmbry received 50.5 percent in a four-candidate race. Golparvar beat four other competitors; Andrew Lewis was the runner-up with 25.2 percent.

In a year of increased turnout and five candidates, Golparvar took many steps to win a large

margin of victory.

Advance planning was one important step.

"Before Thanksgiving, we had a brainstorming period to discuss strategy instead of tactics. It was part of putting together a campaign run as efficiently and effectively as possible, thinking on a long-term, not day-to-day basis," said Jonathan Pompan, who was involved in the Golparvar campaign.

"I think we started on time, not too early, not too late," said Rusty Stahl, Golparvar's campaign manager. "We knew Q wanted a positive and energetic campaign, one that would

(See Q, p. 13)

Triple Bulls Shot

Cheap beer is cheap beer, never mind the fancy label

The big news this week, in case you are lucky enough not to have noticed, is that Milwaukee's Best beer, the college favorite known simply as "The Beast," has unveiled a major new can design. This means an end to the old cans with the sketch of a horse-pulled beer wagon inside a crest with the words "Brewed with the Finest Ingredients" taunting all those of us who know better, yet still reached for more. Now we will have to get acquainted with a brand new insult: The Miller logo laughing right in our faces as we long for the

good old days of the now-deceased beer wagon sketch.

The colors are still essentially the same, but the new can's shabby attempts at snazzy futuristic design leave much to be desired. The old crest motto has been replaced by the words PREMIUM BEER, and no longer promises "Finest Ingredients" but only that it is "carefully brewed for a clean, smooth taste." I mentioned before that the Beast is a college favorite, but it certainly isn't for the taste. The price has a little more to do with that. And so, when they try to

tell us that this is actually Premium Beer, it is quite obviously an insult to our intelligence.

The old beer wagon was a much



Erik Schelzig

more accurate symbol for this beer: Nobody would accuse the Beast of the most modern brewing tech-

niques, fancy marketing (like those annoying Bud commercials with the guy who just won't shut up about skunked beer. If drinking beer is such a disaster, why doesn't he just move on to something else? Like crack, maybe. I hear that crack never gets skunked), or anything else that would bring the price much higher than \$10 a case.

So now when we see the fancy design and the Miller logo, recognize that the Beast is trying to become something it ain't. The sudden appearance of the Miller logo (it wasn't on the old can) lets us know what we probably wish we didn't: The Beast is the low quality stuff that they take from the bottom of the barrel or scrape from the stagnant underground tubes in the beer deserts of Wisconsin.

Subconsciously we have probably known this sad fact all along, but now we are reminded of the low quality of the product each time we set our lips to the big-mouth opening. So what prompted the Miller people to engage in this extreme case of self-delusion? I didn't know. So I gave them a call

Needless to say, nobody answered. Instead, I was told that if I wanted the "Super Bowl XXXI inflatable chair" I should go ahead and press one. If - god forbid - I didn't want anything inflatable, I should stay on the line and wait for a representative to answer my consumer inquiry.

If you're as outraged about the recent events as I am, give the Beast a call at 1-800-MILLER-6. Just don't fall for their conniving

plot to make you buy the inflatable chair. If you really want one, I can give you a good price on mine.

In other beer can news, (by the way, wouldn't it be nice to have former Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd to help out on this topic? He got his nickname for his ability to consume large amounts of the extra-large beer cans, like the ones Fosters - "Australian for TRASHED" - come in), at least some of the cheap beer companies are staying true to form. Ever since I have been in college (my, that would be four years now), the Schaefer beer can has not changed one bit. This is accented by the fact that it is still celebrating its 150th anniversary. And since it was established in 1842, they've been celebrating that momentous occasion's 150th for the last five years. Now that company knows how to party!

And whether it is Schmidt's beer that comes in the bottles that look like cans and have drawings of trout on them, or Schlitz in the retro-1940s cans, it's all good to me, as long as they don't try to be something they're not. A 30-pack of Stroh's can set you back as little as \$11. And still they feel they have to explain that their supposedly high-tech fire brewing technique is what makes their beer so good, even if it may make it more expensive. To that I say: more expensive than what? Free? At what amounts to 36 cents a can, you shouldn't apologize for being too expensive; you should apologize for having sunk so low and still pretending to be riding high.

So that's the news from Cheap Beerville. Just guzzlin' it like it is.

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Potter, Macmanus win at large Senate

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Patrick Macmanus and Carrie Potter were elected at large undergraduate senators of the Student Association in the early morning hours of Feb. 20. They edged out Patrick Preston.

Potter received 1,134 votes for 39 percent, Macmanus garnered 978 votes for 33 percent and Preston received 823 votes for 28 percent. All three candidates are sophomores.

"I am more than eager to work with Carrie," Macmanus said.

"We can work very well together ... and it would be a good combination," Potter said.

Ironically, Potter spent only \$19 on her race and finished first, while Macmanus spent more than \$300 and finished second.

Macmanus said his top priorities are "to start an investigation (of proper certification) at the counseling center and get sleep."

"My No. 1 sacrifice has been a lack of sleep because of having the campaign on my mind," Macmanus said.

"You have to sacrifice something (in regard to campaigning). As long as you don't sacrifice your academics to the point of flunking out, then you are doing OK," he said.

Potter said she attributed experience and student awareness of her dedication to her success. She said she plans to improve academic facilities; publicize services like the Writing Center, math and language labs; and work on class sizes and the quality of teacher-student interaction.

Potter said she was upset with the hardships campaigning places on candidates. She said being a candidate demands too much from a college student. The rigorous process deters many qualified candidates from running, she added.

"I am a student primarily. This campaign has forced me to prioritize my life," Potter said.

Preston said he plans to remain

active in the Student Association. He said he gained much experience in the election process. He said he wants to carry out his ideas to "increase student involvement in battling the administrative policies," revising the meal plan by taking sophomores off the meal plan and improving the quality and nutrition of the food and improving Smith Center hours by researching facility usage hours.

Preston said all the candidates ran a great campaign. He said he attributes "name recognition (to the success) of his opponents," while he had to rely on conveying his platform to students. Preston said he plans to run again next year.

"It has been a real learning experience. This campaign and election have helped define me. I did not com-

promise myself for any votes. I am committed to all my ideas and I hope I can see all of them through ... this is a setback but someone has to lose," Preston said.

All candidates had agreed not to pass out palm cards and said new regulations need to be established on posterage.

Macmanus said posterage needs to be "better concentrated on campus, contributing to less litter on campus. It could be less ugly on campus."

Preston said he would like to see a flier sent out to all students providing candidates' backgrounds with mission statements.

Potter stressed that personal contacts are necessary for a University leadership position and that door-to-door campaigning can be more effective.

"The most important thing in running a campaign is contacts," Potter said.

Potter said senators should be concerned about the SA year-round. She added that this can be achieved by having the Senate meetings in residence halls.

"This is a two-way street. The majority of the burden should be placed on senators," Potter said.

JEC invalidates Senate candidate's win

The Joint Elections Committee decided Sunday to invalidate the election of School of Medicine and Health Sciences Senate candidate Bob Nelson after he accumulated more than 175 points in election violations.

JEC member Jeff Carroll said Nelson was fined for numerous instances of campaigning within 100 feet of a polling station at Ross Hall during last week's elections. The JEC received seven complaints from other candidates and campaign volunteers.

Junior Tara Balsley, who lost the race to Nelson,

has been declared the winner, but the election will not be certified until the appeals process has been exhausted, Carroll said.

Nelson, a third year medical student, said he did not want to comment on his disqualification until talking with the JEC.

"Obviously there is some kind of misunderstanding or mistake," he said. "But that's pretty interesting, considering I was only at school for 20 minutes to vote before I went back to work."

-Kevin Eckstrom

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Campus mandate

For once, we at The GW Hatchet got it right. Both the candidates we endorsed for the top two Student Association positions were swept to easy victories in last week's student elections.

What's particularly interesting is that for the second year in a row, the elections did not go to a run-off. Both SA President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar and Executive Vice President-elect Tony Sayegh managed to build wide coalitions of support.

Golparvar tapped into a vein of behind-the-scenes activism that other student politicians have ignored. He didn't concern himself with winning the support of prominent SA insiders, but concentrated on bringing average students together.

Sayegh, on the other hand, used his experience as chair of the College Republicans to win the votes of other student group leaders like himself — people who had first-hand knowledge of his proven record of leadership.

The strengths that got Golparvar and Sayegh into office can help them make the SA reach for the sky next year. They must continue to build on these strengths.

First of all, they must look at the talent of those who didn't make it into elected positions. Candidates like Adam Siple and Jahna Hartwig had valuable ideas; we want to see Hartwig finish her work on the student Metrocard and Siple continue to put together his Issues Awareness Nights. Golparvar should extend his hand and welcome them into his administration.

Secondly, the two must realize that they were brought into office on a strong mandate. Therefore, the SA has to be a strong presence next year. We think it can do more than it's been doing the last several years; small programs such as the book exchange and the GW CD are great, but they shouldn't represent the core of the SA agenda. It might seem like the SA can't do much about something like a tuition increase ... but then again, has it tried to? Next year, such important advocacy must be the year-long focus of the SA.

Winning our hearts

It's time again to offer some much-deserved praise to the GW women's basketball team. The Colonial Women have finished their Atlantic 10 schedule with a perfect 16-0 conference record, only the third time in history an A-10 women's team has done so (it's only been accomplished twice, both by Temple, in the A-10 men's basketball history). Their overall 23-4 record has placed them in the top 25 teams in the nation.

All-America candidate Tajama Abraham is a good bet for A-10 player of the year, as is teammate Noelia Gomez for conference rookie of the year and head coach Joe McKeown for the year's best coach. The women are heading into Thursday's A-10 tournament quarterfinals as the favorites to win their third straight championship. Best of all, they'll be playing right here at the Smith Center.

As for students, GW is making it even easier for us to come out and root for the Colonial Women. The first 700 students to arrive at the Smith Center on Feb. 27 will get in free (tickets for everyone else will cost \$3). If the women keep winning, and we're quite confident they can and will, those first 700 students can keep coming back to the games for free.

This is a significant investment for the University to make. Because ticket revenue belongs to the A-10, not GW, the tickets will cost the University \$2,100 just for the first day. But the team unquestionably deserves such support, financial and otherwise, from the University. It's wonderful to see this kind of extra effort from the administration for a women's sport.

The women deserve extra effort from us, too. Mark your calendars now, and keep your evenings free next weekend. Come early on Thursday — we'd like to see a line form outside the Smith Center doors for the 7 p.m. game. Then get ready to watch GW dismantle the rest of the A-10. We'll see you there.

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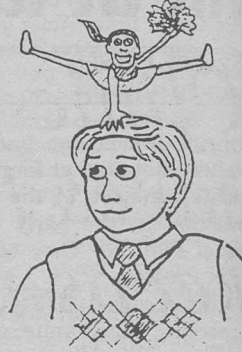
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Biggest Questions

- ① What the hay is the MCGB?
- ② In what level of hell will
palmdarders rot?

Station managers speak out on what can be done for GW radio

Recently, there has been a buzz about whether GW radio has a chance in hell of being effective, or if the University should pull the plug. As the managers of both stations, we can honestly say that the conception that GW radio is lacking support and should be killed is absurd.

Sure, we are not open-air broadcasting stations, but we have news for you: GW probably never will have open-air stations. Why? Because there probably will not be any new frequencies freed up in the Washington area during the four years that current freshmen are here. This is not GW's fault, and unless the University has about \$16 million hidden somewhere and it is willing to spend it on the purchase of an existing radio station here in Washington, then that ends the discussion.

Honestly, neither campus radio station can claim a large listening base. Does this mean that we should all forget about campus radio? We say hell, no! We are both working to change this. Both WRGW (540 AM) and WRTV (600 AM) have perfectly working carrier current transmitters in the residence halls. Sure they break down here and there, but when they do, we do our best to fix them. Also, both stations are working with the administration to improve upon what we have. We are pushing the administration to help us expand our current coverage from just the residence halls so that students can listen to campus radio while they are studying in Gelman Library, the Academic Center and the Marvin Center, as well as when students are chilling on the Quad.

Both stations have tried to get the word out about our programming. WRTV has distributed fliers around campus with its programming schedule, and soon WRGW's program guide will be in all campus mailboxes. Also, both stations have web pages

(www.gwu.edu/~wrgw for WRGW, gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~wrtv for WRTV) chock full of goodies, such as programming schedule, station information and other fun facts.

Neither station feels it is "suffering at the hands of the administration" as a recent editorial claimed. In fact, both stations have found that if you go to the administration with clear plans and ask them to work with students to improve the stations, they have been receptive and supportive. It is when you go to them and demand that they overnight make things better that the system works against campus radio. GW administrators are just as human as the rest of us — if you hit them on the offensive, then they automatically go on the defense and nothing gets done. And we certainly do not want that to occur.

Both stations would like to know that every student here at GW listens to us, but we know this would never happen. Should students have the opportunity to listen, that is a different thing altogether. To that we say yes. We are trying to fix all the reception problems and from there move on to the other, more complex problems.

So what can you, Joe Student, do? Well, for starters you can let the University know that we have their students' support. This can be done by calling the Student Association and telling your elected officials, the old ones and the newly elected ones, that they should help improve campus radio. Also, you can write letters to The GW Hatchet saying that yes, you listen, and that yes, you believe, as we do, that GW radio does make a difference and should be an important part of all students' lives here at GW. And above all, you can tune us in and listen, then go tell your friends to listen also.

—Terry Goddard is station manager of WRTV and
Chris Parker is station manager of WRGW.

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OPINION

Clinic protest rule saves free speech, keeps patients safe

The GW Hatchet's recent house editorial against the Supreme Court decision to eliminate "floating buffer zones" for protesters outside abortion clinics ("Buffer zones," Feb. 20, p. 4) was way off target.

It's disturbing to see journalists helping to attack the First Amendment. That is essentially what these floating bubble zones are – an attack on the freedom of speech. They give a person approaching an abortion clinic an invisible no-protest bubble that goes with them wherever they go.

Wouldn't it be nice if we all could have an invisible bubble that stops anyone from saying things we don't like when we are around? It would be nice – but it would be the most oppressive society imaginable.

If said person walks on the sidewalk toward the protesters, they must fall back. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist pointed out the problems in this floating bubble in the opinion he wrote for the 8-1 majority of the court, writing, "Leafletting and commenting on matters of public concern are classic forms of speech that lie at the heart of the First Amendment, and speech in public areas is at its most protected on public sidewalks, a prototypical example of a traditional public forum."

Now, there must be protections for those going to abortion clinics. I am pro-life, but I am not pro-harassment. No rational prolifer is, but there are always loonies out there, on both sides of the abortion issue. The Hatchet draws a dangerous connection when it says, "Wednesday morning, a Virginia abortion clinic was robbed and vandalized. It is inci-

dents like these that made buffer zones and other protections necessary." Excuse me? Since when did the Supreme Court say it was okay to rob and vandalize clinics?

The only thing the Supreme Court did is allow freedom of speech outside of abortion clinics. The Hatchet thus makes the absurd argument that this free speech is in some way connected to destruction of property at abortion clinics. If someone read a Hatchet editorial pointing out a fault in the Student Association, then went and tore up the SA office, would you blame The Hatchet?

Jeff
Baxter

Physical violence at clinics is still prohibited by the same laws that prohibit violence everywhere else. The Supreme Court also voted 6-3 to uphold a fixed buffer zone flanking clinic doors and driveways – a rational precaution to give access to clinics for women that wish to enter them. And "sidewalk counseling" of a person entering an abortion clinic is limited to two people, who must stop if the person entering so requests.

Floating buffer zones are a violation of free speech. The abortion issue is a contentious one, but we must not let our strong feelings on the matter lead us to take the First Amendment away from certain citizens based on their beliefs. You won't see me protesting outside an abortion clinic anytime soon, but people that want to be there have the right to be there. Abortion clinic visitors have their protections, and the protesters have their rights as well. Let's leave it that way.

—Jeff Baxter is a sophomore majoring in political communication.

Rice Hall must answer students' questions about tuition increase

Helder Gil's article about next year's tuition increase (Proposed tuition hike poses too many questions, too few answers," The GW Hatchet, Feb. 20, p. 4) has to be one of the better articles I've read in The Hatchet this year. He points out many of the fallibilities in the GW administration and our collective lack of an ability to do anything about these fallibilities.

GW, at its most fundamental level, is not a university, but a corporation of sorts. Perhaps it is not legally recognized as such, but consider: GW has a board of directors (or trustees), a chief executive officer (or university president) and the CEO's executive board (or the various vice presidents). Of course, this is no different than any other university.

Tuition increases are, of course, to be expected. This is due largely to the fact that GW continually forgets its primary missions as a University: education and research. In addition to those things, GW provides student housing, food, various offices tailored to students' imagined needs, and so on. Imagine, for a moment, how cheap GW would be if all it offered were classes and the opportunity to get a good education.

Of course, no one would come here because all the other schools in the nation would offer stuff like housing, food and so on. In short, it is not necessarily GW's fault that it has to raise tuition – they are just keeping up with the Joneses, so to speak.

The problem is, GW's vacuous administration leaves many holes in the above defense of tuition hikes. I am a sophomore here and have yet to see an adequate amount of technological resources on campus. It is abominable that GW does not have Ethernet links to the residence halls. It is pathetic that the Computer

Information Resource Center does not have the adequate funding to facilitate greater Internet resources for students and faculty. In short, GW's administration has bitched in the past how *U.S. News & World Report* should give us a higher ranking. Well, if we are that concerned about our ranking, why don't we do some-

bitching about our national ranking, and, further, what it is you have done that warrants a tuition increase. An item by item breakdown of GW's entire budget would be interesting, but you probably do not want to do that because that would expose the gross negligence of the administration.

Some of what I am writing is hyperbole. I hope that it has the effect of bringing someone in Rice Hall out of the woodwork and making them write a letter to the editor here defending themselves. Perhaps then we can have some intelligent debate on the issues, rather than having students complain about shoes in trees and vapid campus politics, as Helder Gil so eloquently (and sarcastically) points out. Until Rice Hall engages in a dialogue, the students' complaints are largely as vacuous as shoes in trees.

—David Friedman is a sophomore majoring in English.

David
Friedman

thing to effect change? Or, if we have, why doesn't GW's administration explicitly state its objectives, innovations and so on in these pages?

So, I have a challenge to those denizens of Rice Hall: Show us, the student body, exactly what it is you have done to warrant your

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Winning streak

In just a few days, the ball will be tossed in the air for the first game of the 15th annual Atlantic 10 women's basketball championships. With great excitement and pleasure, I inform you that due to GW's top-seeded position in the West Division, we have earned home court advantage for our run at a third straight A-10 tournament championship. Our first game in the tournament will be held at the Smith Center on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

I would like to update you on some of the achievements of the women's basketball team. For the second straight week, GW is

ranked among the nation's top 25. As of Feb. 18, the Colonials are No. 18 in the CNN/USA Today coaches poll and No. 23 in the Associated Press writers poll. Our overall record so far this season is 23-4 and 16-0 in the A-10. GW has become the third team in Atlantic 10 history to finish the regular season undefeated! We also rank third nationally with a 33-game home winning streak.

I know that the strong support of GW's student body has helped to make our success possible. To thank you, the Program Board and Athletic Department are happy to announce that they will buy tickets for the first 700 students to come to the Smith Center for Thursday's game. The first 700 students will


be admitted to the quarterfinals free, and also will receive free tickets to the semifinals on Sunday, March 2, at 6 p.m. and the finals on Monday, March 3, at 5 p.m.

So come out and see all-America candidate TJ Abraham and three-time A-10 rookie of the week Noelia Gomez in action. We look forward to seeing you at the Smith Center on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 women's basketball championship. Your support and enthusiasm next Thursday will help us come back for the semifinals and finals, where we will walk away with our third straight A-10 tournament championship!

—Joe McKeown, head coach
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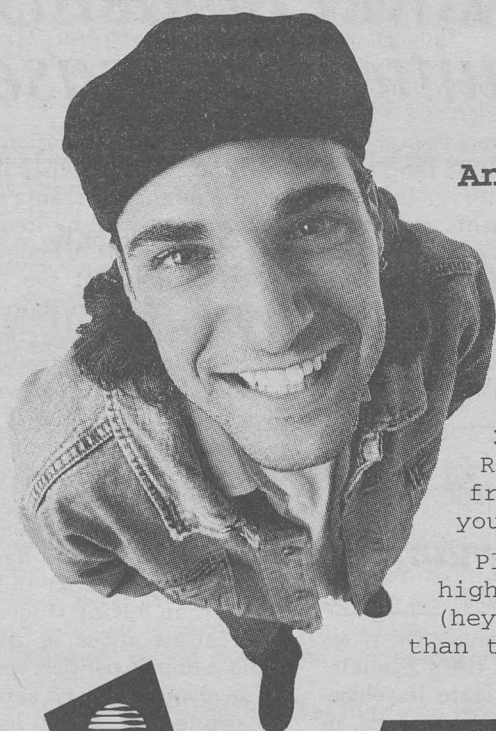
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ESIA senators want to revamp advising

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Mark Levin and Robert Siegel cruised to victory in the race for the two Elliott School of International Affairs undergraduate Senate seats, with Levin edging out freshman Josh Eisenman by just nine votes for the second seat.

Levin, a junior, won 162 votes for 31 percent while Siegel, a freshman, won 203 for 39 percent. Eisenman received 153 votes for 30 percent.

All three candidates had improving, promoting and publicizing study abroad and internship opportunities on their agendas. They also want to improve academic advising in the Elliott School.

Siegel, a non-voting freshman senator and an international economics major, said, "I can't wait to work with (Mark) ... I will look to him for guidance since he's been in the Elliott School for three years and (Mark) can look to me for guidance since I was an SA senator."

Siegel said he also wants to increase the number of discussion sections, improve the financial aid process and increase student awareness about recycling.

He added that prospective freshmen should be "hit with informa-

tion in Colonial Inauguration and before getting on campus through mailings over the summer."

Siegel said he is in the process of making offices "green" on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center with double-sided copy machines. He also said professors could use 100-percent recycled paper and different fonts on computers or half sheets for tests.

Levin, an international politics major, said he wants the ESIA

ESIA UNDERGRADUATE SENATOR

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Robert Siegel
Mark Levin

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to have a monthly newsletter, to structure a core curriculum more to students' liking and to create a subcommittee that will rewrite the SA Constitution.

Eisenman, an international affairs major, said he would have wanted a "degree audit" if he had been elected.

Eisenman explained that the audit would allow students to go to their advisors for advising, but instead of signing a sheet of paper, the advisor could get a printout of the classes the students need in their major in order to ease the process. He added that other schools have degree auditing.

Eisenman and Levin both said they are interested in having students in the Elliott School take some classes outside of their major to lighten the course load.

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SA passes resolution for campus recycling

BY TAMMY IMHOFF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Association has passed a resolution to improve the recycling programs on campus that hopes to raise awareness and education about the environmental efforts.

The resolution establishes SA support for initiatives that will increase the University's commitment to recycling programs and to being a Green University.

Senate Student Life Committee Chair Adam Siple (CSAS) established a sub-committee headed by freshman Sen. Robert Siegel to work with the administration, the Institute for the Environment, ARAMark Inc., and GW's facilities management division to correct problems with the system and make recycling more widespread on campus.

"The current recycling programs are not being utilized to their fullest capacity," Siple said.

He pointed out such problems as trash being thrown in the recycling bins placed in the residence halls. Throwing trash, such as pizza boxes, in a recycling bin contaminates the entire bin.

"People throw trash in the bins in the hallways (of residence halls) and then none of it can be recycled," Siple added.

The resolution, which passed almost unanimously in the Senate, calls for "enforcement of recycling policies within the residence halls."

Siple said his hope is that residential life staff will create programs geared toward helping residents recycle properly.

"We can't force people to recycle, but if they do, we can make sure they are doing it correctly," Siple said.

The resolution also calls for the standardization of recycling bins in buildings campus-wide.

Siple said different types of bins are in the Marvin Center, the Academic Center, the residence halls and other campus buildings. If bins were standardized, Siple said, it would be easier to recognize and use them.

Outdoor recycling bins are also a problem. While recycling bins are on the sidewalks outside buildings such as Fungler Hall and the Marvin Center, Siple said it is difficult to distinguish the recycling bins from the normal garbage cans, since they are the same shape, size and color.

He said he would prefer that the tops of the bins be painted a different color, perhaps green, so they can be clearly distinguished.

"White lids aren't enough; outside containers need to be distinct," Siple said. "A lot of times there is only a garbage can or a recycling bin (on the sidewalk), not both together. The two need to be placed together so that recycling bins are not used as trash cans."

Besides students, facilities management and ARAMark employees need to be educated on how to handle the recycling, he said. The employees often do not recycle the contents of recycling bins because they are not properly trained to do so, he added.

Siegel has scheduled a meeting this week with representatives from ARAMark, facilities management and the Institute for the Environment. Topics to be discussed during this meeting include ways to improve the recycling programs of the University through education and heightened awareness of existing recycling programs.

The resolution was sponsored by undergraduate Sens. Siple and Siegel and co-sponsored by undergraduate Sens. Carrie Potter (CSAS) and Lance Rothenberg (CSAS) as well as graduate Sens. Jahna Hartwig (Law) and J.P. Blackford (SEAS).

Halogen lamps under fire at Brown, Yale

(CPS) - Students may soon find themselves having to turn off the highly popular halogen lamps after a number of campuses across the country have banned the six-foot high lamps.

Brown University, Yale University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute have all banned the inexpensive lamps from college dorm rooms after a series of fires caused by the high-temperature bulbs.

Brown University officials are offering students \$10 if they turn in their halogen lamps, but students

risk being fined if a halogen lamp is found in a dorm room.

Last October a fire caused by a halogen lamp in a fraternity house at Kansas State University resulted in \$11,000 in damages. A plastic pumpkin had been placed on top of the lamp at a party and melted onto a couch.

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The Sneaker Pimps prepare U.S. debut

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

It's been 20 years since Joy Division first made its fusion of dark, Gothic music and celestial new wave. Ian Curtis, the band's lead singer, committed suicide just as the band was about to embark on a U.S. tour. The surviving members of Joy Division went on to form New Order, integrating that same goth/new wave style with modern dance music.

Today, continuing in the tradition of New Order's unique style is Britain's Sneaker Pimps. In a phone interview with Sneaker Pimps' keyboard player Liam Howe before the band's show Feb. 10 at the Black Cat, he said the band's first U.S. tour has not had any misfortunes like those of Joy Division.

"Actually, the tour has been mighty good so far," Howe said. "We didn't expect too much at first, just record executives coming to our gigs. We haven't even released the album here, just a promotional EP. But like in San Francisco, we got about 600 normal people, not just executives!"

The band's first full-length album, *Becoming X* (Virgin), will be released on Feb. 25 in the United States. "There was a bit of difficulty (performing it live) at first," Howe said. "We recorded the entire LP in a studio-based way. It was quite inclined toward electronic interpretation, so we had to adjust ourselves a bit. Instead of constantly using sequencers or DAT machines, we try to focus more on using samples, and our drummer triggers a lot of sounds from an electronic drum pad."

Howe said the dance scene in the United Kingdom has influenced some of the Sneaker Pimps' songs. "I suppose in a lot of ways we have very eclectic influences. The drum-and-bass dance scene is one of them. One of my favorite clubs in London is a drum-and-bass club called Speed. But our objective is to be eclectic. We try to obscure our influences as much as possible."

Howe said much of the Sneaker Pimps' darker side stems from the band's Northern England upbringing. "I think most of that (darker sound) is a result of discontent. It reflects the angst of desperation, of not having a voice in a very small place."

The Sneaker Pimps do a fine job of blending darker, almost sinister sounds with sensuous vocals provided by their feline-like lead singer Kelli Dayton. Also unique is Chris Corner's acoustic guitars, as demonstrated on the band's single, "Six Underground."

Corner also provided some comic relief to the band's show, dressed in a God-awful polyester shirt and retro bellbottom pants. Dayton remained the focus of the band, though, using blissed-out expressions to give added meaning to her lyrics.

During the song "Tesko Suicide," about obtaining lethal tools at a local supermarket, Dayton used fake pistols to simulate the self-destructive act on stage. "Those pistols nearly got her arrested," Howe said, laughing. "The security at Heathrow weren't too keen on seeing them on the X-ray machine."

Widespread causes no Panic with ordinary new album

BY BEN OSBORNE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

In the past, when you listened to a Widespread Panic album for the first time, you pretty much knew what you were getting into. For better or worse, the same holds true on the group's latest effort, *Bombs & Butterflies* (Capricorn).

There are two particularly cool things about Widespread - the band rocks in live shows and it has an uncanny ability to make what could be annoyingly loud hard rock into a sound that can actually be pretty mellow.

Bombs & Butterflies, with its mix of faster-paced jams and some slower, more thoughtful stuff, fits in with the group's traits. You can just picture songs such as the aptly named "Glory" getting ripped out in concert. At the same time, tracks such as "Aunt Avis" reveal the group's mellower side.

As good as some of the songs on *Bombs* are, it is still a little disappointing to listen to. The problem is nearly every song sounds like something that's been heard from the group in the past.

The lack of originality hampers what is an other-

wise solid album. Of course, the Athens, Ga.-based sextet deserves some slack. Any group that specializes in playing live occasionally has trouble getting really inventive in the studio.

Besides the second track, "Aunt Avis," and the fifth track, "Glory," there are few other standout songs. One is an erratic number called "Rebirtha." It lasts more than seven minutes and kind of sounds like two different songs combined in one.

The debut single from *Bombs* is "Hope In a Hopeless World." In it, the group pays homage to gospel/blues great Pops Staples. Widespread shared a bill with Staples a few years back, and he had a lasting effect on the members. "Somebody out there better know what Pops has been talking about/Raise your hand, raise your hand if you're with him," are the words of one of the song's final verses, in an attempt to get listeners to recognize Staples.

"Happy" follows "Hope" and is an instrumental song that sounds, actually, quite happy.

If you've never heard Widespread Panic before, check out this album, because it is good. But if you already have any of the group's first four albums, be a little bit wary; it just isn't all that different.

High energy, fun lyrics keep Nerf Herder going and going

BY CHRISTOPHER PARKER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

"Is this what you wanted?" Nerf Herder demands this of Sammy Hagar on "Van Halen," the lead single to its self-titled debut on Arista. While that question can only be answered by Hagar himself, if what you want is a rollicking, fun-loving, and overall energetic album, then you should check out Nerf Herder.

The band hails from Santa Barbara and derives its name from the line in *The Empire Strikes Back* when Princess Leia calls Han Solo a "half-witted, scruffy-looking nerf herder." Musically, the band is anything but scruffy or half-witted. Instead, it sounds a little like Weezer, the band's recent tour-mates. Oddly enough, the voice of lead vocalist and guitarist Parry Gripp is reminiscent of Weird Al Yankovic's wacky twang, and many of the songs share his offbeat sense of humor.

The one thing that sets Nerf Herder apart from other bands is the band's crafty knack for writing lyrics that rip on the alterna-culture icons of nerds and losers. The band offers a witty social commentary on contemporary culture.

The band's best song is undoubtedly "Van Halen," which laments the loss of David Lee Roth from the band for the second time. It seems that Gripp was a huge fan of the 1978-1984 Roth-era Van Halen albums and thought little of Roth's 1985 replacement, Hagar.

Gripp wrote the song to celebrate the short-lived reunion of Roth with Van Halen in the summer of 1996. The song rocks musically and at times even sounds like Eddie Van Halen is playing guitar.

Once you get beyond the cracks about Roth's receding hairline in



Wacky Nerf Herder pays tribute to favorite Van Halen frontman David Lee Roth on its self-titled debut.

"Van Halen," you'll notice that the whole album is full of excellent songs. One example is "Nosing Girl," about a guy finding his perfect mate, a girl who happens to have a nosering: "She was the kind of girl you would give up eating meat for/No more salami/No more steak or potatoes/You would walk on down to the health food stores and buy humus/And tabouli/And babaganoush/And rice cakes." In the end, it turns out the girl is the cousin of a girl who dumped the narrator's best friend.

Another song that displays the band's penchant for humor is "Sorry." It pokes fun at people who apologize for everything they do. In it, a guy apologizes to his ex-girlfriend for his obsessive behavior: "Sorry I showed up at your wedding/Sorry I screwed up your picture/Sorry I had sex with your sister/What can I do, I'm a loser."

Besides the lyrics, the most prominent characteristic of the

music is the ever-present bass thumping. The drums also stand out, and at times are played better than the bass. Unlike most pop these days, the guitar is not the most noticeable instrument and few hard licks stick out. Instead, each song uses the bass and drums to propel it.

The album is like the Energizer Bunny in that the energy level keeps going and going. Nerf Herder seems like it would be an exciting live act. The band conveys a feeling of pure energy and pleasure in each song.

Nerf Herder plays Tower Records, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Feb. 24 around noon and The 9:30 Club, 815 V St., N.W., Feb. 25. Admission to Tower is free and tickets to the 9:30 Club are \$5. Tickets are available by calling Protix at (703) 218-8500. For more information about the 9:30 Club show, call the concert line at (202) 393-0930.

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5.	The Cardigans	First Band On the Moon (Mercury)
6.	Various Artists	The World Still Won't Listen: A Tribute to The Smiths (Too Damn Hype)
7.	The Sneaker Pimps	Becoming X (Clean Up)
8.	Bis	This Is Teen Power (Grand Royal)
9.	Sick Of It All	Cool As a Mustache (EastWest)
10.	The High-Fives	And a Whole Lotta You! (Lookout)
11.	Helmet	Aftertaste (Interscope)
12.	Spring Heel Jack	Million Shades (Island)
13.	Cibo Matto	Super Relax (WB)
14.	Pavement	Stereo (Matador)
15.	Prodigy	Firestarter (Mute)
16.	Handsome	Handsome (Epic)
17.	Veruca Salt	Eight Arms to Hold You (Outpost)
18.	Luscious Jackson	Fever In Fever Out (Grand Royal)
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New location in 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. brings spicy, fresh Tex-Mex cuisine to campus at affordable prices

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

When they say they offer more bang for the buck, they really aren't kidding.

Of course, we're talking about food here, not some new brothel that opened up near GW's campus. But it's not just ordinary food that gets a restaurant voted the No. 1 "Bang for the Buck" in the city by *Washington's 1997 Zagat Dining Guide*. It's the delicious and affordable Tex-Mex cuisine served at The Burro, which just opened its doors in the 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue shopping complex.

As GW students are already painfully aware, the number of low-cost alternatives to J Street in the Foggy Bottom area is a joke. For a college campus, we really don't have many good choices when it comes to eating off-campus. For the past four years, eating Mexican food has meant gagging down Taco Bell in the old, rat-infested Grand Marketplace or settling for the mediocrity of La Cantina da Marta in J Street.

Well, that is no longer the case. The Burro offers a full menu of mouth-watering Mexican delights in such large quantities that you

won't have to eat again for a week after one meal.

The basic burrito comes highly recommended. Almost the size of a football, the warm, flour tortilla is filled with low-fat pinto or black beans, Mexican rice, fresh Romaine lettuce (not anything like the shredded, bulk-bagged lettuce at J Street), tomatoes and fresh salsa. Total cost: \$3.75. Now that is something college students can appreciate.

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The fresh vegetables and the spicy beans and chicken combine to create a light, satisfying taste, albeit filling. Too often, greasy Mexican food can leave you feeling heavy and bloated after a meal. But The Burro cooks without lard, animal products or added fat.

For people with a slightly smaller appetite, baby-sized burritos are available and the tacos are a good choice. For only \$1.50, you can enjoy a soft- or hard-shelled taco with low fat pinto or black beans, Romaine lettuce, tomatoes

and cheddar-jack cheese.

The Burro also offers dishes for the more adventurous connoisseurs. The three different types of salad wraps sound enticing. The grilled eggplant wrap - containing eggplant, yellow corn, fresh basil, Romaine lettuce, tomatoes and a balsamic-roasted red pepper sauce - is a good bet at \$4.95. But the size of the wrap can make the meal even more economical, as two people can easily split one and be content.

The Asian chicken wrap comes with roasted chicken breast, vermicelli rice noodles, vegetables and a ginger-lime dressing at a slightly higher price of \$5.45. And the tangy barbecue steak wrap features The Burro's unique, spicy barbecue sauce, also \$5.45.

The extras are also a positive aspect of The Burro, which no college student can ignore. First and foremost, sodas and iced tea are refillable. At last, the quest for the refillable soda in the Foggy Bottom area has been fulfilled! Also, you can add cilantro, green onions, green chiles, fresh jalapenos, extra lettuce and tomatoes and The Burro's Habanero hot sauce to any meal at no extra charge.

Limited delivery is available,



Justin Bergman/staff photographer

The Burro opened its doors across from Au Bon Pain last week.

although the five-minute wait for food at the restaurant is not unreasonable. Proprietor Tony Brown said the first week of business was incredibly busy, in part because the restaurant was offering special prices or free food every day. The large crowds may slow the pace of the kitchen down a bit, but the food is well worth the wait.

The Burro has a modern structure and ambiance, as well as a convenient location facing Au Bon Pain and the brick walkway from

H Street. There is limited seating inside the establishment, but a number of tables are outside. Diners may have to carry their food across the street to the Marvin Center to eat during the cold weather months, though.

The Burro has two other locations in Washington - one on 19th Street near the Farragut North Metro stop and one in Dupont Circle. The restaurant in Dupont Circle will begin serving beer and wine in the near future, as well.

Bridging the gap between Venus and Mars

GW man is first to graduate with women's studies minor

BY RACHEL SELIGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Askew was one of two men in a GW "Feminism and Cultural Politics" class last semester. Although he usually has a lot to talk about, during class he would barely say a word. While everyone else spoke, Askew sat quietly and listened.

It wasn't because he didn't have anything to say or because he thought the women in the class would get angry if he spoke. In fact, last semester, Askew graduated as the only male women's studies minor in the short history of GW's women's studies department.

He graduated with a double major in philosophy and public affairs and two minors in peace studies and women's studies, but he is currently unemployed.

Askew said he first got involved in women's issues when he came to GW. He joined the Progressive Student Union, a campus activist group that addresses progressive issues.

But his junior year, he said he began to stray from PSU because he thought it needed to focus more on local and campus issues. He thought the group was going nowhere.

His alienation with PSU paved the way for Askew to join Womyn's Issues Now, although he admits he was hesitant at first. He began to go to meetings, though, and WIN's issues interested him.

"My opinion had always been that (WIN) should be a women's group, not necessarily a women's and men's group, so at first I stayed on the sidelines," he said.

Senior Erica Bacich, a member of the group, said Askew was careful about his role when he first started coming to WIN meetings.

"He was coming to a lot of events, so I asked him to come to meetings," Bacich said. "He said 'I don't want to infringe on women's-only space.' I thought that was really cool."

Askew said two issues drew him into WIN: when the Program Board showed the pornographic film *John Wayne Bobbit: Uncut* in 1995 and when the basketball team aborted recruitment of Richie Parker, who was convicted of sexual assault. Askew said he got heavily involved in the protests regarding both issues. They solidified his place in the group.

"After that, we were WIN," he says. Askew said he was born in a small town in Georgia. His father was stationed at a nearby military base commanded by the now-retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf. Askew did many normal 10-year-old boy things - his Star Wars figures were a favorite toy and a playmate of his was

Schwarzkopf's son. But Askew said he was unique. Under the tutelage of his "arch-conservative" father, he learned that anything good was "conservative" and anything bad was "liberal." That philosophy changed quickly.

As he got older, Askew, the self-proclaimed "little Republican," began to change. An unconventional seventh grade teacher named Mr. Terazi was instrumental in Askew's changing ideology.

"Mr. Terazi was one of those obnoxious teachers who will set something up and make it sound completely plausible," Askew said. "Then he would be like, 'Well, of course you don't want to hear the other side now, do you?' He was teaching all these kids whose parents were government employees for the most part ... so a lot of them were pretty conservative. Well, maybe then they should have started questioning a lot of things their parents did."

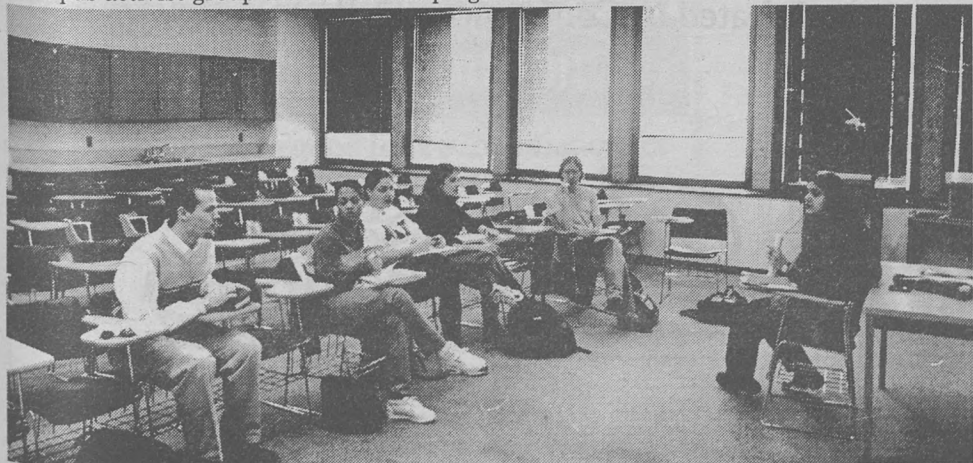
At that point, Askew started questioning everything in his life. Between seventh and ninth grade, he went from conservative to what some might call the opposite. By the time he got to high school, in the words of his father, "he leaned so far to the left that he scraped his elbow." He also began to get politically involved. In high school, he joined groups such as Amnesty International and volunteered at Planned Parenthood.

Askew said he also was influenced a lot by music. Punk rock, he said, mainly falls into one of two categories: "insanely fascist" or "pretty hard-core leftist." His musical tastes took him toward the second route.

Whatever the cause, Askew strayed far in philosophy from his parents. As they separated in ideology, though, the family actually got along better. Today, he and his father have opposite politics, but if things get too heated, they just avoid the subject.

Askew said he tries to keep an open mind and get along with his family, just as he tries to keep open about everything. As a man who believes in women's rights, he said he strives for his beliefs but tries not to step on anybody's toes.

"If somebody said, 'Do you consider yourself a feminist?' I would say yes," Askew said. "But everybody has their own opinions about different things. The way I view feminism is that it's simply part of everything."



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A typical discussion section for a women's studies class at GW - the women usually outnumber the men.



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Wait list is a thing of past in all-hall lottery

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while others expressed discontent with the end of in-hall selections.

"This is not bad," junior Larissa Estriella said. "Ten people every five minutes ... that's not bad." She said she was new to the lottery process.

"I was pretty upset they eliminated in-hall," sophomore Richard Butts said. "I liked my dorm and thought the process was pretty fair."

"I was happy," sophomore Sarah Pearlman said. "I got a double in (Kennedy Onassis Hall)."

Doubles in the new residence hall on 2350 H Street were chosen early. All singles except those in Strong and Mitchell halls were taken by 3 p.m. Saturday.

"I guess (all-hall) makes things more available," sophomore Steve Hopwood said. "More open for everyone, but I feel badly for the people who paid money for the picks in Martha's Marathon (last year)."

"I'm No. 2,041, and I'm a sophomore, so I'm a little traumatized by that. I wasn't registered when they gave the numbers out, so the number of credits I had were (freshman standing)," Jennifer Wood said.

Freshman Jacqueline Surles, one of the trio who bought the seventh lottery pick in this year's Martha's Marathon, said, "We chose Guthridge 404. We chose it for location and we liked the size of the

room. It was really nice. We're really happy that we made the decision to do the whole Marathon thing. It was very fortunate, because we all had really bad numbers."

Some students expressed dissatisfaction with the speed at which some residence halls filled.

"Last year I had a junior number and that was pretty bad. I had 130-something, and I got the last room that had a kitchen, basically, not counting Fulbright," said junior Sherene Sepehri. "We just asked about Guthridge - we wanted a triple there - and they said it was almost full. And they've only called 40 numbers. It's kind of frustrating."

Sophomore Becky Slovir, a volunteer at room selection Saturday, said, "It's been extremely well-organized and running smoothly. An unbelievable amount of staff showed up to work."

Others did not agree. "I think it is unorganized," freshman Jason Appel said. "There should be somebody out here to help us."

Senior Josh Savage, the RHA treasurer, said, "There seems to be less dissatisfaction than in years past. Freshmen seem to be getting better rooms."

Popular residence halls, such as 2350 H Street, Francis Scott Key, Riverside and the Pennsylvania House did not close until late Sunday afternoon.

GW has a 'port-per-pillow' future plan

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involvement in a national program called Internet Two). But we want to make sure we are leading the pack, not just playing catch-up."

Grier emphasized that universities are in the midst of a transition to a future when professions may not be distinguishable from each other. He noted that professions may transform into a "network where one flows into another." There is a need,

then, to make sure that the University is well connected with society and the academic community.

"We want to make sure we have modern computing facilities," Grier said.

The proposals, although still not concrete, could help open more doors to students.

"We need the technology in place," Baxter said, "before we can imagine what sorts of things we can do with it."

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CORE, General Meeting. Marvin Center, 5A, 8:30 PM. Info? Contact Tasmine at 676-2227.

STUDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, Meet the National SRB Executive Director. American University, Butler Conference Room, 6th Floor Butler Pavillion. FREE! Info? email Jeannie at latenser@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WELLNESS PROGRAM, Aromatherapy Workshop. Adams Hall TV Lounge, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Jacci at 994-8000.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Senate Meeting. Marvin Center 403, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Dianne at 994-7100.

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STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WELLNESS PROGRAM, Yoga Workshop. Fulbright Hall TV Lounge, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Jacci at 994-8000.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BIOLOGY CLUB, General Meeting. Ligner Hall, Third Floor, Conference Room, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Mary Ann at 676-7953.

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series, "Score Higher on Tests". Improve your essay and math - science test results. 2033 K Street, suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Call 994-5300.

ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, "Female Selective Abortion in India: is there a role for public policy?" Weekly Brown Bag Luncheon Lecture. Stuart 103, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Margaret at 994-6240.

WELLNESS PROGRAM, Drums and Motions-Stress Management Workshop. Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Jacci at 994-8000.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

JEWISH POLITICAL FORUM, GW FRIENDS OF ISREAL AND COLLEGE DEMOCRATS, US Foreign Policy and the Middle East with Aaron Miller. Hillel, 2300 H Street, 7:30 PM. Info? Contact Adam at 994-9527.

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STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart 104, 1:00 PM.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HILLEL GRADUATE GROUP, Shabbat Dinner and Speaker. Hillel, 2300 H Street, 7:00 PM. You must RSVP by Noon Thursday, February 27, by calling Hillel at 296-8873. \$10 for Hillel members and \$10.50 for other students. Info? Contact Ian at 337-3819.

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Close race brings new MCGB

Freshman Petron captures last seat by only one vote

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

In one of the closest elections ever at GW, sophomore Jeff Baxter, junior Patrick Lincoln, junior Jonathan Pompan and freshman Michael Petron won seats on the Marvin Center Governing Board last week.

The race was so close at the end that every paper ballot had to be counted before the winners could be announced in J Street early last Thursday morning. Lincoln was the clear winner with 1,284 votes, but the other four candidates were all within 14 votes of one another.

Pompan and Baxter tied for second in the race with 1,178 votes, and Petron edged freshman Amina Chaudary for the final position on the board by one vote, 1,165 to 1,164.

Petron said he was surprised the race was so close, because he was in second place after the numbers from the voting machines had been tallied. Chaudary had 19 more write-in votes than Petron, but she was one shy of tying for the

final position.

"I'm really excited and glad that I won, although it was a little closer than I would have liked," Petron said. "I hope I can do a lot with the office."

Petron, who plans to major in economics, said his first priority next year will be to work with Pompan to write by-laws for the board. He also said he wants to work to generate more interest in the board's meetings because it often barely achieved a quorum

work on projects that he has started during the last two years.

Pompan said he was not surprised by the close outcome of the race, because each candidate ran a competitive and highly-publicized campaign.

He said the student organization resource center will open its doors in March after two years in the planning, and he wants to work next year to move the WRGW radio station to a more visible location.

Baxter, who plans to major in political communication, said he realized last Wednesday afternoon that every vote was going to count in the board race, and he believed last-minute campaigning made the difference in his case.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to work for the students on their student union," he said.

Baxter said he has been going to the board meetings all year and he wants to use the newly created procedures committee to govern the Marvin Center more effectively. He said he thinks the board acts too much in an advisory role now.

Baxter is the director of computer affairs in the Student Association and the managing editor of Independence Magazine.

Lincoln said he believed he came out on top in the race because he focused his campaign on reaching out to a wide variety of people on campus. He said he thought his posters and buttons also made his campaign more visible.

"I thought it was a good race and I'm happy about the turn-out for the vote in our race," Lincoln said. The estimated turn-out for the Marvin Center Governing Board race was just shy of 1,200 voters.

Lincoln, a political science major and vice president of the College Democrats, said he wants to get involved with the Marvin Center room allocation process for student groups, which is being decided by the current board.

Chaudary said she was not disappointed by the loss, but was more excited by the steps she made to get involved in student politics.

"It was a great learning experience for me, and I still want to get involved," she said.

Chaudary, who plans to major in political science, ran on a platform of bringing more diversity to GW's governing body and giving the Marvin Center back to the students. She said she hopes to receive an appointed position on the board.

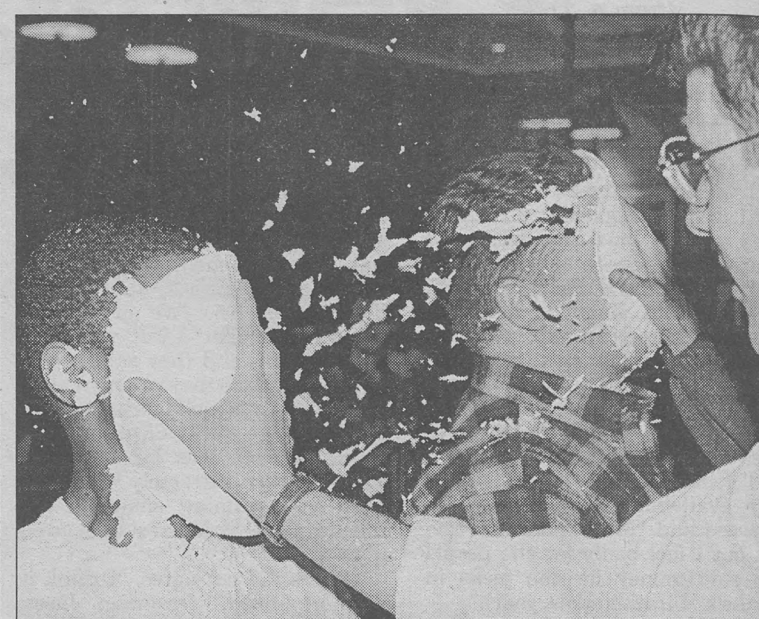
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Patrick Lincoln	1284
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when it met this year.

Pompan, a political science major, was elected to the Marvin Center Governing Board for the third year in a row. As a senior member of the board, the current vice chair said he hopes to finish the



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Joint Elections Committee members Chris Moody (l.) and Jeff Carroll (r.) take it in the face from Sergio Yanes and Andrew Lewis last Thursday at the election party in J Street.

New CSAS senators anxious to get going

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI AND
JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

Jesse Strauss and Jason Haber cruised to victory early Thursday morning in the race for Columbian School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate Senate seats, while Derek Pillie and Cat Sadler barely edged out Ed Meinert for the last two seats in a tight race.

Strauss and Haber each captured more than 21 percent of the vote. Strauss used his experience and name recognition this year as director of the Student Association's Dining Services Commission to propel him to first place in the race. Haber, meanwhile, capitalized on an innovative platform to finish a close second.

Pillie and Sadler both finished with just higher than 18 percent of the vote, with Sadler slipping past Meinert by just 21 votes.

Strauss said he is excited by the prospect of working in the Senate next year. "Everyone's got a grab bag of things they want to get done," he said. "I just want to be able to help everyone's ideas get done. My biggest priority is to make students feel the SA is their voice to the administration."

Strauss added that his experience with the Dining Services

Commission prepared him to join the Senate. "The commission is a sink or swim type thing. The fact that we accomplished something shows I'll make a good senator."

Haber also said he is anxious to get started on fulfilling his goals as senator. In fact, he has already begun to work on one of his top priorities — the creation of a discount car rental service for students.

"I am really looking forward to doing the things in my platform," he said, adding that he has already started to work with GW administrators and local rental agencies. "I expect that to become a reality."

Pillie said he wants to get started early as well on his goal of making the Senate more accountable to the students. He said that although he has attended every Senate meeting this year, there is really no reason for average students to go to the meetings right now.

"They don't really have a chance to speak their minds," he said. "I want to get more student input."

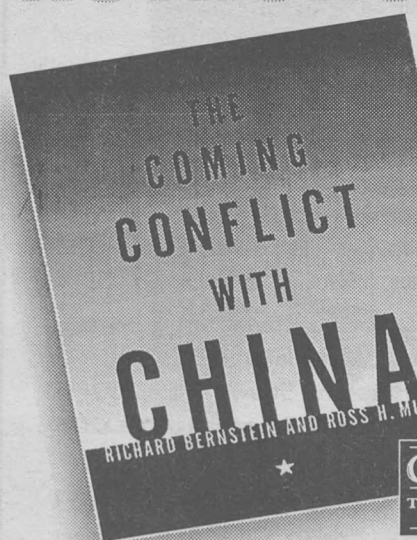
Sadler said she wants to increase communication between the SA and the students, including holding town hall meetings and mandatory office hours for senators "so the students know senators are available to help."

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Challenging the Q campaign

Golparvar swept every polling station except Ross Hall

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Student Association President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar broke the GW political mold in his election rout last week — capturing 47 percent of the vote and winning all but one polling location.

When the Joint Elections Committee campaign challengers inspected voting booths after polls closed Wednesday, the Golparvar victory quickly took shape.

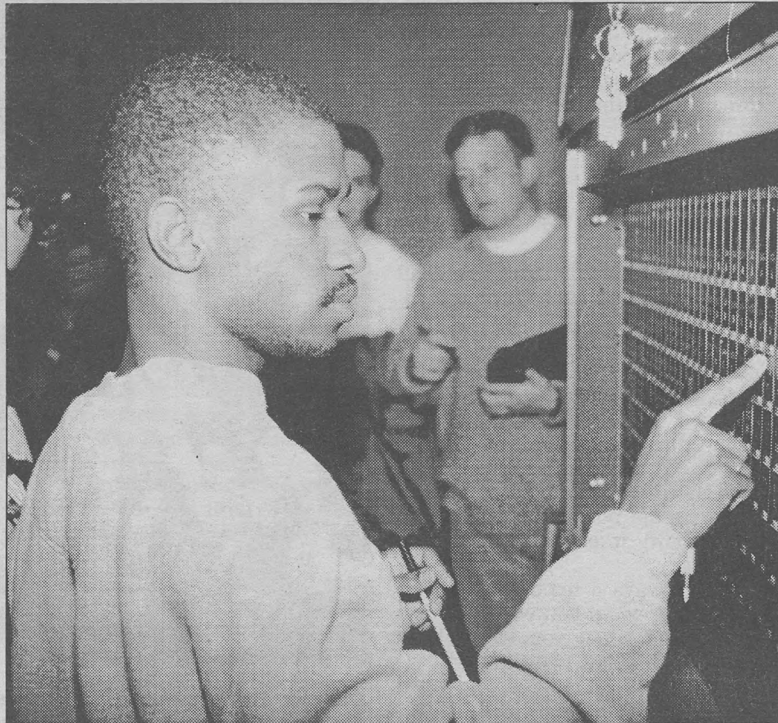
Challengers reported to the Marvin Center at 7:45 p.m. not knowing who the winner would be. By 8:30 p.m., little doubt was in their minds. As the group of more than 20 walked across campus and listened to the JEC officials read the numbers out of the backs of the booths, a clear picture developed that painted Golparvar as the front runner.

In the end, the president-elect's grassroots constituency gave him one of the most convincing victories ever for the SA's top spot. In fact, he so dominated the voting that the only station he lost was Ross Hall in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences — and just 92 votes were cast at that polling station.

While runner-up Andrew Lewis beat Golparvar 31 votes to 20 in Ross Hall, he could not put together a victory anywhere else on campus. With such a low turnout at the medical school, however, the first returns were not indicative of the campus-wide movement that had taken place.

The next polling location inspected, Fonger Hall, gave the first indications of the rout that was in the works. Golparvar garnered 266 votes to Lewis' 79, while Adam Siple took third place there with 58 votes. The challengers began their whispering about the first real victory going to Golparvar in round 1.

With Golparvar in the lead, Lewis' supporters recognized the opportunity to pull even at the next



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

Joint Elections Committee Chair Chris Moody collects results at a polling station in last week's student elections.

voting location: Government Hall. The home of GW's School of Business and Public Management would at first appearance seem to be a Lewis stronghold. Two leading business school student groups endorsed him, and the school's official newsletter profiled him as the top choice for business students in the weeks leading up to the election.

Thus, it came as a stunning blow when Golparvar won the location 104-103, a setback that was indicative of how far behind Lewis really was. While it was only a one-vote margin of victory, for Golparvar to even have been competitive there would have hurt Lewis' chances. For him to win outright was clearly the beginning of the end.

Without a significant turn-out at the GW Law School, the top two candidates' prospects turned to perhaps the two biggest voting locations: Thurston Hall and the Marvin

Center. Golparvar was running at higher than 40 percent — enough to win without a run-off — but enough votes remained that Lewis was within range of a comeback.

Golparvar, however, won Thurston with a strong showing. He beat Lewis 142-81, with Terry Miller Jr. making his strongest third-place appearance by nearly grabbing second place with 73 votes.

That fourth straight victory left Golparvar with a commanding 45 percent to 25 percent lead, meaning Lewis' campaign would have needed massive victories in both the Marvin Center and paper ballots to stay alive. As it turned out, those percentages became almost identical to the final numbers.

Golparvar's lead held steady, and when the booths were opened in the Marvin Center, his resounding 385-132 advantage in votes sealed the win.

'Q' campaign won with a grass roots victory

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expand coalitions and pull in lots of students, the ones who didn't usually vote because they didn't have a reason to ... We tried to be strategic, we tried to be creative and inclusive."

"The campaign was unprecedented in scope and press," Pompan said. "Besides posters and usual volunteers on the two days of the election, there was behind-the-scenes grassroots work, like get-out-the-vote activities, including door-to-door and phone banking activities. And everything was scheduled. We had a plan written early in January, and we made minimal changes throughout the campaign."

Golparvar's broad base of support among SA, Program Board and volunteer activists as part of the Community Circle was the key to his getting almost twice as many votes as the next leading candidate.

"I thought it was ironic that I was the campaign manager, because I was the only non-political science major I could find," Stahl joked. "I think what we had was not people interested in politics but people who wanted to see Q win."

"I think a lot of people voted for him as a friend and not as a candidate. He has done Clean Up Foggy Bottom and start-up events like that, and helping with the Sarah Goodyear campaign (for Advisory Neighborhood Commission) ... Community affairs is something that GW has kind of lacked for a while," Golparvar supporter Rob Hendin said.

Past SA elections have shown the law and medical schools and the Greek-letter community as potentially decisive constituencies. High law school student turnout helped Al Park in 1994,



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SA President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar

and in last year's election both President Damian McKenna and Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski credited support from GW's fraternities and sororities for their victory. But Golparvar built a grassroots base of undergraduate support.

"We made a conscious effort to not discount any constituent group ... Q appealed to a wide base, some Greek, some graduate, some international, but they all cared about the future of GW and where they live," Pompan said. "Q's message transcended the usual groups. There wasn't really a strong Greek candidate, and the (Interfraternity Council) didn't endorse anyone."

"I think our campaign definitely ups the ante for future campaigns," Stahl said. "I think you have to be more creative and have better messages that are realistic. Q remained realistic in his goals — never promised what he didn't think he couldn't deliver. It's important not to bullshit students."

Candidates pick up the pieces

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around campus as other candidates'.

"I possibly could have gotten a few extra votes" by such campaigning, but added that he does not regret his decision. "It wouldn't have been worth winning that way."

Adam Siple, who finished fourth in the presidential race, attributed his loss primarily to a lack of "politics" in his corner.

"To win an election ... you need to have politics," Siple said. "You really need those kind of motivated people ... who live and die with elections. Your friends alone can't win a campaign."

Siple also said he "didn't have any one bloc that I could draw from."

Siple said Terry Miller, who finished third, had the Greek vote, Andrew Lewis had the die-hard SA voters, while winner Kuyomars "Q"

Golparvar had the support of many of the other student organizations.

"Overall I think I was everybody's No. 2 pick," Siple said. He explained that supporters of Golparvar, Lewis and Miller have all told him that had their candidate not run they would have voted for Siple. But, he said, "you don't win if you're everybody's second choice."

Lewis, who finished second in the presidential race, said he could not have done anything differently.

"I really did the best I possibly could have," Lewis said. "Hindsight is always the wisest of all, but I did the best I could. I had a great group of people behind me, but so did Q, so did Adam, so did Terry."

With the exception of Preston, who said he "definitely will apply for a cabinet post" in next year's SA, most of the candidates said they are

unsure what their next campus role will be.

"I'm really not sure what I want to be doing," Lewis said. "There's so many doors open for me right now. There's a lot of ... great groups to become involved with right now. I'm not sure where I want to be."

Nguyen said he will remain a member of the Program Board, but whether that involvement is as a general member or a committee chair remains to be seen.

"If I do come back as a chair it will probably be as an executive chair," such as secretary or treasurer, rather than a programming chair, Nguyen said.

Siple also is unsure of the role he will play on campus next year. He said he may increase his participation in GW's ROTC program or look into off-campus projects.

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SPORTS

It was not a very Koul performance by Sasha

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

PHILADELPHIA — As every local basketball fan knows, Alexander Koul can be "the man" for GW. He scored a team-high 28 points against Texas Tech in November. Then in December he torched nationally-ranked Maryland for 24 points.

January brought a five-game stretch in which Koul led the Colonials in scoring every game, capped by a 21-point performance in a 56-52 win over La Salle.

Since then, however, Koul has been a shadow of his former self. He has not led GW in scoring once in the eight games since, and in three match-ups against other highly-touted inside players, he has been abused.

Jan. 30 against UMass, it was freshman Lari Ketner running circles around Koul for 16 points while Koul had just 10. Feb. 11 against Old Dominion, Odell Hodge muscled past Koul for 22 points while Koul managed just 10 on 2-8 shooting from the field.

As bad as those quiet performances were, Saturday's game against Temple capped them all. The 7-1 Belorussian was invisible, taking just two shots (both airballs), missing both free throw attempts and going scoreless for

the first time in his erratic career.

While Koul did nothing offensively and grabbed just four rebounds before fouling out, his counterpart inside, Marc Jackson, was dominant. Jackson, a 6-10 junior, used his muscle-bound frame to control play inside.

He snared offensive rebounds right out of Koul's hands. In the scoring column, Jackson trounced Koul with 25 points.

More surprising than Koul's recent poor play has been his

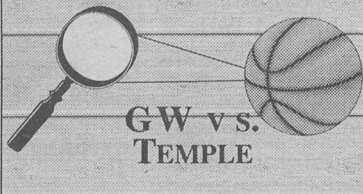
passivity. Against Temple there were none of his infamous foot stomps of frustration, and after he

fouled out he sat on the bench looking totally sedate. It was an odd sight from a usually intense player.

GW head coach Mike Jarvis offered nothing in the way of an explanation, and neither did Koul. Jarvis said it was just "one of those games," but also guaranteed that "you ain't going to see no points again this season."

Jackson described the Owls' strategy against Koul, and also noted some frustration. "We kept a body on him, and you could see him get frustrated. I think he realized he wasn't going to have his way here," Jackson said.

A CLOSER LOOK AT:



GW falls to Temple, roasts Hokies

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

PHILADELPHIA — GW center Alexander Koul, in foul trouble so often this season, found Saturday's game with Temple no different.

Koul fouled out with 7:53 to go in the game and did not score for the first time in his college career, as Temple soundly defeated the Colonials 71-59 at McGonigle Hall in Philadelphia.

GW (13-11, 7-7 A-10) did not lead in the game and never even threatened Temple, save for a 14-6 run that cut the Owls' 15-point halftime lead to seven with 14 minutes to go. Two three-pointers from guard Rasheed Brokenborough and the strong inside play of Marc Jackson ended GW's run, and Temple cruised from there.

Jarvis did not blame the loss on the inability to establish Koul as a presence.

"It's always a team thing. It's a team thing when you win and it's a team thing when you lose. That's what it's all about," Jarvis said.

Point guard Shawnta Rogers led GW with 20 points, while Yegor Mescheriakov added 17. Jackson came back from a dismal first half to score 25 points for the Owls, while Brokenborough hit four three-pointers on his way to 20 points.

Turnovers and second chance points killed GW all game long. The Colonials gave the ball up 21 times, and Temple used 16 offensive rebounds to outscore GW 24-10 in second chance points.

GW 69, Virginia Tech 52

GW's loss to Temple is all the more surprising considering its play



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Despite the presence of Temple defender Pepe Sanchez's hand on the ball, diminutive GW point guard Shawnta Rogers scored on this acrobatic shot Saturday. The Colonials still fell 71-59.

Thursday against Virginia Tech at the Smith Center. The Colonials dominated the Hokies from start to finish. The win gave GW a rare two-game winning streak and also gave it sole possession of second place in the Atlantic 10 West Division.

Rogers was the key for the Colonials, scoring a career-high 25 points on 8-14 shooting from the field. He tore apart the Hokies in the second half, helping give GW as much as a 27-point lead at one point. "Jarvis gave me the green light.

He just said run the team," Rogers said. "It's all hard work. Coach is working us real hard right now."

Also notching a career high was reserve shooting guard Seco Camara. He blazed the nets for 12 points, all on three-point shots.

GW took advantage of horrendous first half shooting by the Hokies, who hit only four field goals in the first half and did not score from the field until a dunk by Keefe Matthews with 11:35 to go. The Colonials led 30-16 at halftime.

Colonial batsmen fall to 1-6 after four tough losses

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

It must be assumed that this is not how new GW baseball head coach Tom Walter envisioned his home opener. Sunday at Barcroft Park, local rival Howard University, who had yet to win a game this season, came in and thumped the Colonials by winning both games of a doubleheader. With those losses as well as defeats to Bucknell Saturday and the College of William and Mary Friday, GW is now 1-6 on the year.

Howard 13, GW 6
Howard 7, GW 3

In the first game Sunday, the Bison scored eight runs in the first four innings to easily get past the Colonials by a score of 13-6. David Burke started for GW and took the loss, giving up four runs on seven hits in three innings of work.

After scoring two runs in both the second and third innings, the Bison unloaded in the fourth, knocking in four runs off Colonial reliever Ari Zagaris.

Except for the play of leftfielder Troy Allen, who smacked a solo homerun, GW was weak at the plate and could not answer the Howard barrage.

In the second game, the Colonials took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on a two-run blast by catcher Joe Beichert, but could not hold on as

the Bison answered with three runs in the third to take control of the game.

GW starter Bob Brown surrendered the third-inning runs and took the loss.

Bucknell 7, GW 3

David Kloes started for GW and suffered his second loss of the season as Bucknell beat the Colonials 7-3 Saturday in Williamsburg, Va.

The Colonials continued their error-prone play with four miscues in the field. Bucknell converted 10 hits into seven runs, three of which were unearned.

William and Mary 7, GW 6

GW had its chances against the Tribe Friday in Williamsburg, but a rally in the ninth inning fell short.

The Colonials had a 5-3 lead going into the bottom of the eighth inning, but William and Mary scored four runs, three off losing pitcher Zagaris, who dropped to 1-1 on the year. GW managed to score one run in the top of the ninth, but Tribe pitcher Thomas Waligora was able to get out of the jam.

Rightfielder Chris Matarese went 2-4 for GW with two doubles and two runs batted in. Catcher Cassidy Smith was 2-5 and also knocked in two runs. But that was about it for the Colonials, who struck out 15 times.

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SPORTS

The Muted Cheer UNC up, Wake down in ACC

While the top two teams in the nation are settling into consistent play, the third through 10th ranked teams are in a chaotic transition. Teams that seem to be entrenched in the top 10 one week find themselves struggling to win games the next.

Look for Kansas to hold on to the top spot through the Big 12 tournament. No. 2 Minnesota, despite some close victories over Big 10 teams and a big game at No. 18 Michigan this week, should win its conference, hold on to its ranking and receive a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Three through 10 is a different story. No. 3 Kentucky should hold its spot at least until No. 9 South Carolina visits March 2. No. 4 Wake Forest is in a tailspin after a 1-2 week that included a loss to Atlantic Coast Conference cellar-dweller North Carolina State. The Deacons are in danger of falling out of the top 10.

No. 5 Utah completed a perfect week and should jump up a spot in the rankings. If the Utes can hold off No. 10 New Mexico (a notoriously poor road team) at home on Saturday and win the Western Athletic Conference tournament, they should be strongly considered for the No. 1 seed in the West.

The ACC team that seems to be playing better as its schedule gets tougher is North Carolina, which has won seven straight games. UNC's convincing victories over Wake and Maryland were more than enough to earn it the team of the week award. New Mexico's upset loss to Texas El-Paso should vault the Heels into the top 10 in the new poll.

Carolina has made an incredible turn-around from the team that lost its first three ACC games this season. Usually when a team redirects its season it is because an experienced, yet underachieving player catches fire and sparks the team as Trajan Langdon and Jeff Capel have done for Duke. This is not the case for Carolina. The spark and leadership in Chapel Hill has been provided by freshman point guard Ed Cota.

Despite not starting a majority of his team's games, Cota is leading the ACC in assists and has been fronting UNC's charge to the tournament.

Carolina's trials are not over yet. The Heels must still play Clemson Wednesday, not to mention this week's game of the week when Duke visits Chapel Hill Sunday to finish off an incredible ACC regular season.

-Dave Adler

Colonial Women finish A-10 16-0, return home for conference tourney

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

The GW women's basketball team has had a regular season to remember. There have been 40-point blowout victories, a still-in-progress 33-game home winning streak and honors galore for front-court stars Tajama Abraham and Noelia Gomez.

This weekend in Pennsylvania, GW used two more big victories to make its regular season immortal. By beating La Salle Thursday and Duquesne Saturday, the Colonial Women finished the Atlantic 10 schedule 16-0.

GW finished undefeated in conference for the first time in its history, and became only the third A-10 women's team to ever do it. The Colonial Women also clinched their third straight outright regular season conference title.

All these accomplishments were enough to please GW head coach Joe McKeown, a man who is always striving for more success.

"Our players deserve a lot of credit (for their season). They dealt with a lot of adversity in December, but really came together as a team and played some good basketball."

"We tried all year to concentrate on the game we had in front of us, not on streaks or rankings," McKeown said.

GW 93, Duquesne 77

The Duquesne Lady Dukes, helped by their home crowd of nearly 2,000, presented GW with its final obstacle of the regular season Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

As they have all year, the Colonial Women responded to a challenge perfectly, rolling over the Lady Dukes behind Gomez's game-high 30 points.

GW jumped out to an early lead against Duquesne and held a comfortable 45-29 lead at halftime. Except for Abraham's three fouls, GW had little to worry about.

But just one minute into the second period, Abraham picked up her fourth foul. Duquesne was showing signs of a comeback, and

the Colonial Women had one last challenge.

While Gomez was a scoring machine, a main cog to the team's winning effort proved to be sophomore center Khadija Deas, who spelled Abraham with a career-high 24 minutes. She didn't just take up space, either, hitting all three of her shots for six points and grabbing four rebounds as well.

"I was really proud of Khadija because she gave us a lot of big minutes. We also learned we don't need 30 points from TJ to win every game," McKeown said.

GW senior forward Lisa Cermignano also had a big hand in Saturday's win. She hit four of six three-pointers for 12 points, dished out eight assists and helped keep Duquesne star Korie Hlede in check, keeping the A-10's leading scorer right at her average with 23 points.

"Cermignano and (senior point guard Colleen) McCrea just wouldn't let us lose either game this weekend," McKeown said.

GW 56, La Salle 40

GW went into its win over La Salle with a remarkable streak going. Not its winning streak, but a streak of not even being behind at halftime in a single conference game since last season.

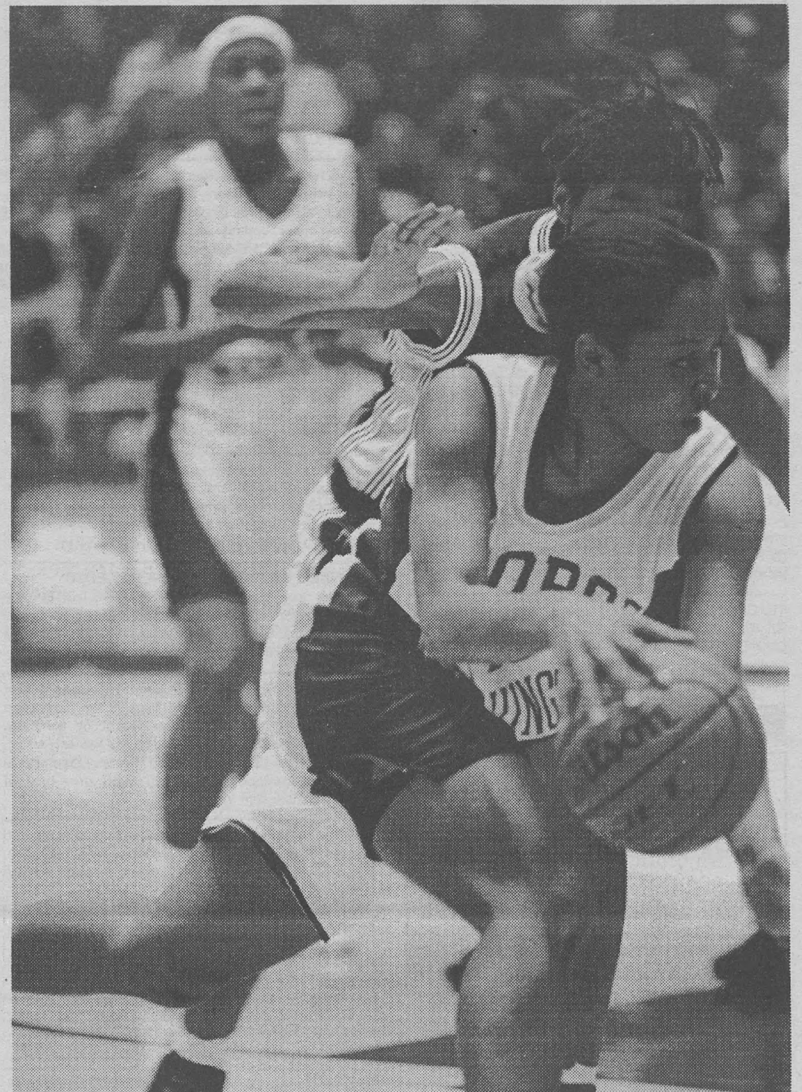
That streak ended Thursday in Philadelphia when La Salle went into intermission with a 21-18 lead. Undaunted, GW responded with a 10-0 run just minutes into the second half, taking a 41-31 lead and cruising to the victory.

Cermignano concluded the run with a three-pointer, one of three she had in the game. McCrea also chipped in two crucial three-pointers in the second half.

GW was led by Gomez's 13 points, while Abraham chipped in with nine points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Defense was also a big key, as GW prevented La Salle from establishing any rhythm on offense.

"It was a sloppy game, but our defense really picked it up in the second half," McKeown said.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Freshman guard Chasity Myers contributed 10 and 12 points, respectively, as GW defeated La Salle and Duquesne over the weekend to wrap up the A-10 regular season title with a record of 16-0.

GW will now take its perfect conference record and overall 23-4 mark into the A-10 conference tournament this week.

After a first-round bye, the Colonial Women will play either Xavier or Temple Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center. A championship win in the tournament would be GW's third straight.

With his team's past success in the tournament, McKeown knows what it takes to be successful in postseason tournaments.

"Don't do anything to beat yourself. You need to make your free throws, and watch your turnovers," he said. "We're going to be real comfortable at home. It should be a great atmosphere."

Men's swim team impresses at A-10 finals

While Champney leads Colonial men to 3rd place, women also end up in 3rd

BY JAMIE LIN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's swimming team proved that quality is better than quantity as it topped 14 school records and placed third at the Atlantic 10 Conference swimming championships in Buffalo, N.Y.

Sending a squad with only 14 swimmers, the men had to compete against other teams with as many as 18 members.

"The men had a wonderful meet and the girls did well, but the guys did better," sophomore Dena Hoffman said. The women also finished in third place, but this was a spot lower than their second place finish last year.

Leading the way for the men was A-10 swimmer of the year Tim Champney. The sophomore transfer from Auburn University broke a school record in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:48.81.

Champney said he felt the support of the entire team was what drove him to victory. "Walking out for finals I stood up and looked

around and saw my whole team standing around me cheering," he said.

Assistant coach Dan Rhinehart agreed that the swimmers helped each other out a lot. "It was just a great team effort all the way around. The kids did a great job supporting one another," he said. "There was also a strong showing by parents and that was a definite help."

Contributing to the team's overall success was head coach Marc Hagen's words of inspiration. "I think he's very confident," Champney said. "At Auburn I had a coach, but he wouldn't talk to me as much as Marc would. He would build up confidence and say that we were the best team going in and that we should have confidence in ourselves."

Joining Champney on the all-conference team were freshman Rush Taylor, who was the 200-yard breast stroke champion with a time of 2:04.13, and senior Kristen Robertson, who took first in the 100-yard backstroke and finished the 200-yard backstroke in 2:10.20.

Other top finishers for the men were senior Chad Senior with a 15:36.27 second place in the

1,650-yard freestyle and freshman Nick Hopman, who came in second behind Champney in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:50.15.

For the women, Connie Shelton placed third with a time of 2:24.44 in the 200-yard breast stroke.

St. Bonaventure repeated as A-10 champion on the women's side with Virginia Tech taking second ahead of the third-place Colonial Women. "We had competed against St. Bonaventure and they're pretty tough, so we knew what we were heading into," sophomore Erin Sheumaker said. "Virginia Tech was a bit of surprise because we beat them earlier. I thought we were going to get second."

The men finished behind champion Massachusetts and St. Bonaventure.

In diving, junior Larissa Ettore placed second for the GW women. Junior Jonathan Klonsky, who was an NCAA regional qualifier last year, placed third as the men's lone diver.

"It was pretty competitive. Everybody was ready for this meet and at their best," senior Laurel Wassner said.

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